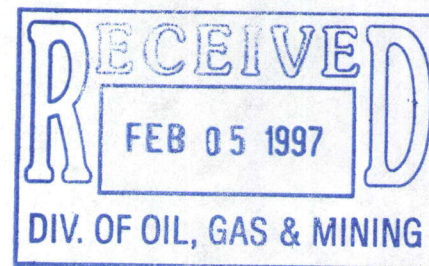




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RE: Continental Lime, INC. Cricket Mountain Project April 23 Board Hearing  
SRK letter dated January 16, 1997

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

As per a verbal communication with Mr. Tom Munson, Sr. Reclamation Specialist UDOGM, on January 27, 1997; it is our understanding that the Division will be unable to entertain our request for a March Board Hearing.

Given the inordinate amount of requests upon the Division for permit approval, Continental Lime, Inc. (CLI), acknowledges this setback with disappointment. However, CLI would like the Division to understand that inclusion on the agenda for the April 23 Board Hearing is critical to the continuance of operations at the Cricket Mountain Facility. Therefore, we formally request to be slated for an April Board Hearing. To date, CLI has submitted the required documents less the Reclamation Contract, Surety, and Attachment B. In our continued effort to supply the Division with required documents in a timely manner, we look forward to submitting these documents prior to the April 23 Board Hearing.

It is our understanding that Mr. Gallegos will review the bond calculations in mid-February 1997. When Mr. Gallegos completes his review and issues approval, CLI will submit the Reclamation Contract, Surety, and Attachment B. Given this schedule, CLI foresees no obstacles to the Division issuing Tentative Approval and progressing into the

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Public Notice period in time for inclusion on the agenda for the April Board Hearing. If the Division foresees any impediments to this schedule, please notify CLI at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael R. Brown", followed by a horizontal line.

Michael R. Brown, P.G.  
Environmental Manager

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cc: William E. Dodge, President/CEO CLI - FYI  
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